THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) During 1994-95, Seven representations were received by the CPFC and the Minister of Labour.

(b) A Statement showing the available information is annexed. (*See* below)

(c) A notice dated 14.2.94 was served on the establishment as required under Section 7-A. The Council has since paid the entire amount of EPF arrears.

(d) A statutory returns in Form No. 3-A, 6-A, 9-A etc. have been submitted to the RPFC, Delhi who is already taking necessary action for issue of account slips.

(e) According the EPF authorities, no amount of EPF arrears is outstanding against the establishment

Statement

S. No.	Date of Letter	Demand/Appeal	Action taken
1.	24.7.94	Appeal to the RPFC, Delhi, for being heard before passing an order under section of A of the EPF & MP Act, 1952.	The enquiry under section 7-A was completed on the basis of books and records. As such the Mazdoor Sabha was not called.
2.	24.8.94	-Do-	-Do-
3.	15.10.94	-Do-	-Do-
4.	8.8.94	Request to seal the records/premises for recovery of PF dues.	The RPFC, Delhi has taken note of these complaints and has finalised the enquiry under section 7-A.
5.	Date nil received on 12.12.94	Request for initiating penal action against the concerned officials for misuse of PF money.	
6.	18.2.95	Request for examining certain officials of the Council for alleged adjustment of the PF contributions.	The complaint has been verified by a squad of the EPF Organisation, but no substance has been noticed therein.
7.	25.8.94	Request to take penal action for violation of the EPF and MP Act, 1952.	Referred to the CPFC for necessary action.

Claims filed before the Regional Provident Fund Commission, Bombay

2074. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 5343 given in the Rajya Sabha on 2nd May, 1994 and state:

(a) whether Government have now the information of the details of claims filed before the regional provident fund Commissioner Bombay in respect of employees of Borroughs Welcome India Limited, Bombay;

(b) whether Government have taken any action thereof to give relief to the employees of the company; and

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) (a) to (c) One application from an employee of M/s. Burrough Welcome India Ltd., Bombay for settlement of the P.F. claim was received and the same has already been settled by the Employees Provident Fund Organization.

Handicapped and SC/ST Persons Registered with Employment Exchanges in Andhra Pradesh

2075. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of handicapped and SC/ST persons registered with various employment exchanges in Andhra Pradesh as on 30th November, 1994;

(b) the number of handicapped and SC/ST persons provided with employment during the last three years;

(c) whether the reservation quota fixed for the handicapped and SC/ST persons is regularly filled up;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the efforts being made to fill up these reserved vacancies immediately?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) The number of handicapped, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribe job-seekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, who were on the live register of employment exchanges in Andhra Pradesh as on 30th November, 1994 was 38688, 410934 and 96181 respectively.

(b) The number of handicapped and Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribe job-seekers placed in employment by the employment exchanges in Andhra Pradesh during the years 1991, 1992 and 1993 (Latest available, is indicated below:

year	Handi-capped	Scheduled Castes	Scheduled Tribe
1991	272	2800	772
1992	491	4515	1662
1993	187	2889	714

(c) to (e)Up-to-date statistics regarding vacancies filled up against reserved quota is not available. However, 3% vacancies have been reserved for handicapped persons in Central Government Services in Group C & D posts and comparable posts in Central Public Undertakings. The filling up of posts reserved for the handicapped persons is a continuous process undertaken by Ministries/ Departments/Public Sector Undertakings. In addition special drive to fill up the backlog of reserved vacancies for the visually handicapped and hearing handicapped were undertaken in 1988, 1989 and 1990 and another drive to fill the backlog of vacancies for visually handicapped in Group C & D posts will be undertaken shortly.

As regards reserved vacancies for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes persons, steps taken by the Government are as follows:-

(i) Government has banned dereservation in all cases of direct recruitment to fill the vacancies in group A, B, C, & D. According to this, if SC/ST candidates are not available to fill the vacancies reserved for them, the vacancies will not be filled by other candidates and will be kept vacant to be filled in subsequent recruitment attempts by SC/ST candidates.

(ii) Special Recruitment Drives have been conducted (1989, 1990 and 1991) to fili exclusively the backlog vacancies reserved for SC/ST.